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City Receives Sustainable Maryland Champion Award

The Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland announced that the City of Greenbelt was one of 16 Maryland municipalities honored at the Sustainable Maryland Awards Ceremony at the Maryland Municipal League's annual fall conference in mid-October. Greenbelt was named the 2023 Sustainability Champion in the program for amassing more points than any

other municipality and was certified at the Silver level.

Highlights of Greenbelt's accomplishments include:

The Greenbelt MakerSpace, located in the Granite Building, created a repair café that teaches residents how to repair things like common household appliances, jewelry, furniture and

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Election 2023

Answers to Question 3

The News Review once again asked candidates for election to the Greenbelt City Council to respond to questions posed by this newspaper. Answers are limited to 150 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer is cut off at that point. Responses will be published in various orders to avoid favoring candidates. Here are the answers we received to our third and final question.

Question 3. Greenbelt has a lot of unused office space and retail space. Are there ideas you'd suggest or support for filling or repurposing it?

Jenni Pompi

If elected to the city council, I would consider redirecting some remaining ARPA funds to building/storefront improvement grants for existing businesses, small-business grants and a legacy business program to offer special support to businesses that have been in Greenbelt for many years. In addition, I think the city should consider a business relocation grant program, like the ones in Rockville and Laurel, to encourage business to move to our city.

I would also like to see the city complete the purchase of the Armory, which is a gateway property for Greenbelt, and put it to use. Beltway Plaza Mall's redevelopment has been stalled due to lack of funds, but I hope that project gets moving so we can soon determine a future for

those properties. Finally, if the FBI decides to relocate to Greenbelt, I believe this will drive development to our city and help fill offices and retail spaces.

Matthew Inzeo

Let's acknowledge that empty offices are a national problem affecting many urban areas, including the D.C. area. The pandemic and resulting work-at-home trend made the problem worse. Many federal offices are also still largely empty.

Let's embrace aggressive solutions:

City tax breaks for office building owners, to pass on to potential tenants in lower rent.

Create a more supportive working environment for businesses.

Promote entrepreneurship

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Schrom Hills Fall Fest Weathers High Winds to Deliver Smiles

by Emily Jacob



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

One of the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival's three pumpkin carving events took place at the Fall Festival at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday.

Greenbelt Recreation put on its annual Fall Fest in Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, October 21, and, despite the windy weather and a week's delay for rain, the event had a great turnout, as it is a community favorite.

The event was free to enter, and attendees were offered their choice of complimentary buttered popcorn or kettle corn and apple cider at the pavilion.

Multiple picnic tables were

set up for pumpkin carving and decorating and they quickly filled with children and families working diligently on their pumpkins. There was also face painting, hayrides and open space next to the playground saved for this year's new attractions: Bubble Ball, a game with inflatable balls that encase the players, and Arrow Tag, a game in which players are furnished with bows and foam-tipped arrows. Greenbelt

Recreation staff members and volunteers working the event were especially excited to see how those would turn out but due to the extreme wind, the games, which involved inflatables unfortunately had to be canceled.

A.J. Sesay was one of those who was most looking forward to seeing how the new activities fared and had predicted that

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County Health Department Moves Health Care Center to Greenbelt

A new facility in Greenbelt will allow the County Health Department to expand healthcare services for residents. On October 23, Prince George's County leaders hosted a ceremony for the Health Department's new Health Center in a five-story building on Edmonston Road. This state-of-the-art facility will replace the aging Cheverly Health Center and provide a critical upgrade

in healthcare services for county residents

"We are Prince George's Proud to officially begin work on our new, state-of-the-art health center, marking yet another important step forward for Prince Georgians' health," said County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "Our goal is to offer our residents new opportunities to re-

ceive care close to home and build the kind of healthcare infrastructure this community deserves.

The acquisition of the 80,000-square-foot, five-story building located at 9001 Edmonston Road will improve healthcare accessibility and quality in

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What Goes On

Monday, October 30

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: WSSC/Public Hearing, Municipal Building

Wednesday, November 1

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Municipal Building Architect Study, Municipal Building

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit greenbeltmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

The current building at 9001 Edmonston Road displays renderings of the future health center it will become.

Election 2023

Notice of Voting Locations

For the upcoming election for seats on the Greenbelt City Council, voters may use any of the five polling sites for in-person voting on Tuesday, November 7: Community Center, Police Station, Greenbriar Community Center, Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse or Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The county voter registration cards that voters received in the mail in the last few days implied otherwise, which is incorrect.

Letters to the Editor

Year-round Ice Skating Campaign

Have you ever enjoyed skating at Herbert Wells Ice Rink? Would you want it to remain open all year round? If so, consider writing a brief letter to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) by Wednesday, November 1 at PublicAffairs@ppd.mnppc.org. It would be greatly appreciated and would benefit the process of giving Wells walls.

Mariella McElhenny

Photovoltaics: Where Next?

I was recently reminded of the Co-op’s successful Rays on the Roof campaign that raised money to replace the failing roof and install solar panels. My question now is: Who’s next?

Every roof is an opportunity to offset electric costs and have a tangible, positive impact on helping mitigate climate change. Rays on the Roof showed once again that there is an appetite in our community to support our local businesses and continue Greenbelt’s history of environmental stewardship.

Any bare roofs out there that could use some love? I see plenty

of opportunities in old Greenbelt. How about East and West Greenbelt?

Finally, thank you to all of the folks that made Rays on the Roof possible

James Marshall

Stop Work Order

A thank you to Bonnie Schrack for her story about Royal Farms building atop the Toaping Castle historical site. Wow ... just, wow. It’s a story not only about corporate greed wantonly defying an order to protect a historical site but also a reminder that our entire city throbs with the ghosts of enslaved human beings and their white masters.

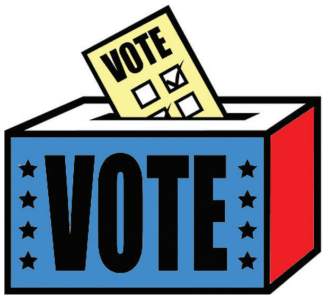
Overlaying those two aspects of the story is the fact that we Americans have allowed corporations to develop our cities for cars rather than human beings. Here’s an idea: Next time, rather than building another gas station, how about a park devoted to the contemplation of our ghosts, crying out for remembrance?

Nicole Hudgins

More Than a Movie

This weekend, local movie screens premiered Killers of the

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Killers of the Flower Moon
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Sat. 7:00 PM
Mon. 5:00 PM
Tues. 7:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 7:15 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 3:00 PM
Sat. 7:30 PM
Sun. 1:30 PM (OC), 5:30 PM
Mon. 1:30 PM

Taylor Swift | The Eras Tour
(NR) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (165 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 6:00 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 7:00 PM
Sat. 1:30 PM
Thurs. 7:00 PM

Joan Baez: I Am a Noise
(NR) (CC) (DVS) (2023) (109 mins)

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 2:30 PM (OC)
Thurs. 4:45 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:00 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM
Wed. 7:15 PM

Toy Story of Terror! (G)
(2013) (22 mins) - FREE!

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:45 PM right after the Wild Rumpus

Kuch Kuch Hota Hai (NR)
(1998) (185 mins) - FREE!

Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sun. 1:00 PM

Nosferatu (NR) (1922) (81 mins)
Cinema Classics Lecture -
Must Register Online!

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Mon. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



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Letters Policy during City Elections

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All letters must include the letter writer’s name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.

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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Killers of the Flower Moon

Based on David Grann’s broadly lauded best-selling book, the film, directed by Martin Scorsese, is set in 1920s Oklahoma and depicts the serial murder of members of the oil-wealthy Osage Nation, a string of brutal crimes that came to be known as the Reign of Terror. Among the film’s stars are Leonardo DeCaprio, Robert De Niro, Jess Plemons, Tantoo Cardinal and John Lithgow. Said critic David Sexton of the New Statesman: “This is grand, classic film-making, an American tragedy of the highest order.”

Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour

The cultural phenomenon continues on the big screen in this music documentary. Taylor Swift fans can immerse themselves in this once-in-a-lifetime concert film experience with a breathtaking, cinematic view of the history-making tour.

Joan Baez: I Am a Noise

Neither a conventional biopic nor a traditional concert film, the film is a raw and intimate portrait of the legendary folk singer and activist that shifts back and forth through time as it follows Baez on her final tour and delves into her extraordinary archive, including newly discovered home movies, diaries, artwork, therapy tapes and audio recordings. Baez is remarkably revealing about her life on and off stage. A searingly honest look at a living legend, this film is a compelling and deeply personal exploration of an iconic artist who has never told the full truth of her life, as she experienced it, until now.

Toy Story of Terror!

Woody and the gang go on a road trip, when an unexpected event leads them to a roadside motel. After one of the toys goes missing, the others find themselves caught up in a mysterious, monstrous and terrifying sequence of events that must be solved before they all suffer the same fate.

Kuch Kuch Hota Hai

Before dying, a woman (Rani Mukerji) leaves letters asking her daughter to play matchmaker for her father (Shahrukh Khan) and his college friend (Kajol).

Nosferatu

In this highly influential silent horror film, the mysterious Count Orlok (Max Schreck) summons Thomas Hutter (Gustav von Wangenheim) to his remote Transylvanian castle in the mountains. The eerie Orlok seeks to buy a house near Hutter and his wife, Ellen (Greta Schroeder). After Orlok reveals his vampire nature, Hutter struggles to escape the castle, knowing that Ellen is in grave danger. Meanwhile Orlok’s servant, Knock (Alexander Granach), prepares for his master to arrive at his new home.

Community Events

Join Friday's Wild Rumpus

Greenbelters are invited to show off their Halloween or co-splay costumes Friday October 27 at 4:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Recreation Arts' annual Wild Rumpus: A Halloween Celebration for Children and Kids at Heart!

Enjoy trick or treating in Roosevelt Center and a performance by the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars performance jump rope team, a flash mob dance party, and cheer on the arrival of some friendly monsters created by community volunteers at the Wild Rumpus giant puppet build. Finish the afternoon of fun with a free screening of the short film Toy Story of Terror at the Greenbelt Cinema.

Greenbelt Recreation requests that costumes not contain violent or gory imagery. Thank you for helping to create a peaceful and welcoming atmosphere for all guests. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/48IHGmy>.

City of Greenbelt Arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. For more program information, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

National RX Takeback

Greenbelt Police have partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for the National RX Takeback event. This is a chance to safely and anonymously turn in unused or expired medicine for safe disposal. Drop items off at the Greenbelt Police Station on Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Greenbelt Chess Club

The Greenbelt Chess Club will next meet on Monday, November 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The club is open to all ages and skill levels.



PHOTO BY EFFIE LEVNER

American Legion Hosts Greenbelt Concert Band

The Greenbelt Concert Band will perform at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, at the Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road, at the intersection of Lakecrest and Greenbelt Road.

The band will be playing some movie themes, musicals and cartoon favorites. For more information visit greenbeltconcertband.org/page4/page4.html.



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN BARTOLOMEO

Trombones in concert

Greenbelt Park Has Free Campfire Program

Come and enjoy a free campfire program under the stars at Greenbelt Park on Saturday, October 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Park campground. As Halloween approaches, shiver with the frost on the pumpkin and warm yourself before a fire, as a park ranger describes the myth (or is it?!) of the Goatman, a bizarre creature sighted frequently in this vicinity. Beware, because the Goatman may be in the Greenbelt woods, and may be glimpsed in the firelight! The Goatman lives!

Enter the park at 6565 Greenbelt Road. Follow the signs to the campground, 2.5 miles from the entrance.



The Greenbelt Chess Club celebrates National Chess Day at Roosevelt Center on October 15.

Pumpkin Festival Hosts Final Pumpkin Carving

The final event of Greenbelt's Pumpkin Festival is a pumpkin carving on Friday, October 27 at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Participants will take their carved pumpkins home to light up the neighborhood. The Festival provides the pumpkins, the carving tools and the candles to light up the jack-o-lanterns.

These volunteer-hosted events are funded by donations and support from the Greenbelt Rotary Club. Participation is free. Questions can be directed to greenbeltpumpkinfestival@gmail.com.

Health Screenings At American Legion

People living in and around Greenbelt can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host this community event on Monday, November 6.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to the risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; kidney and thyroid function; and more.

While there is a fee, screenings are affordable and convenient. Consultants will work with all individuals to create a package that is right for them based on their age and risk factors. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Woodlands Rewilding Community Workday

On Saturday, October 28 at 9 a.m., join a GHI Woodlands Committee community workday at GHI Woodlands Parcel I, next to 11 Court Southway, to help with woodlands rewilding. The main activity will be installing fenceposts and fencing for a deer enclosure, which is intended to temporarily release pressure from excessive deer browsing and allow the woodlands to regrow.

This is part of reclaiming and rewilding about an acre of land which has been covered by invasive wisteria vines. Help is needed to remove wisteria, English Ivy, Rose of Sharon hibiscus and other invasive species. Wear shoes and clothes suited for working in woods that may include thorny brush (greenbriar and multiflora rose). Gloves and tools provided. For more information, contact EyeReWild@gmail.com



PHOTO BY BRYAN BRUNS

Wisteria in Willow oaks at 11 Southway

Celebrate Preserve's 20th Anniversary

Join in the Celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve on Sunday, October 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the New Deal Café. Put on forest festive attire – hiking boots are welcome. Come learn the story of how the Great North Woods were saved and became the Forest Preserve. Those who are actively caring for, protecting and speaking out for the forest will be recognized. For more information email suzanbwild@gmail.com.

Emancipation Day Film Screening

The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, in collaboration with the Greenbelt Cinema, is hosting a program to commemorate Emancipation Day in Maryland, featuring a free showing of Descendants, a film about the last enslaved Africans brought illegally to Alabama. After the showing Evelyn Milton, a descendant of those taken to Alabama, and Melisande Short-Colomb, a descendant of Georgetown University's 272 enslaved people who were sold by the Jesuits to save the institution, will be present to provide updates and answer questions.

The film will be shown on Saturday, November 4 at 2 p.m. at Greenbelt Cinema. Other sponsors are the Greenbelt Recreation Department and RUAK.

MAD Theater Presents A Little Night Music

Goddard's Music and Drama club (MAD) will present its first in-person fall production since Covid. A Little Night Music is a musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Hugh Wheeler. The title is the English translation of Mozart's Serenade Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, and the plot involves the romantic lives of several couples. There will be a live orchestra, and the musical includes the popular song Send in the Clowns.

Shows will take place on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. starting Friday, November 3, through Friday, November 17. There will be an additional show on Thursday, November 16 at 8 p.m. The final show will be on Friday, November 17, just in case there is a government shutdown on November 18.

Tickets must be bought in advance at madtheater.org and shown to the guard at the gate of the Barney & Bea Recreation Center on Good Luck Road. There will be no sales at the door.

NASA Goddard's Music & Drama Club presents:

A Little Night Music

by Stephen Sondheim

November 3 - 17

at the Barney & Bea Recreation Cetrer

Tickets must be bought in advance. Visit www.madtheater.org

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Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)

Little Shop of Horrors (1960)

Things go awry when clumsy, lovesick, flower-shop employee Seymour takes in a new plant to help him keep his job. Little Shop of Horrors is revered for its artfully seamless blend of science fiction, horror, and comedy all into one!

New This Month

TeaFairy & Friends Storytime Adventures - Halloween Special

Happy Halloween from TeaFairy, Jennifer, and their many friends! This episode is jam-packed with Halloween-themed stories, songs, and arts and crafts you can follow along with at home! Plus... a special appearance from Edgar Allen Poe?!

All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television](https://greenbeltaccessstv.org) on YouTube for new video productions.

NDC is seeking an experienced restaurateur to fully run our cafe's operation. Go to our home page, NewDealCafe.com, for more information.

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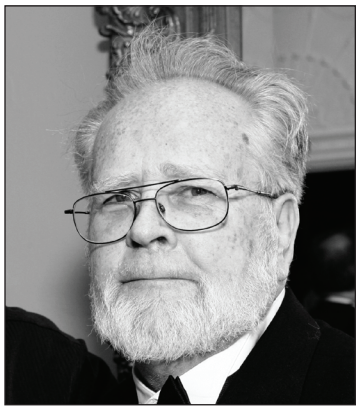
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*For more information on these and other events, visit the **NDC CALENDAR** page on our website.
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Obituaries

Melvin Kent



Melvin Robert Kent

Melvin Robert Kent, born March 10, 1940, in Washington, D.C., died peacefully on October 15, 2023, at the age of 83.

Melvin was married to his high school sweetheart, Katherine, for 63 years, and together they lived and built a life filled with cherished memories. GHI residents since 1960, they lived first in the 46 Court and the 14 Court of Ridge Road since 1978.

Melvin belonged to the American Legion. A sports fan, he coached the Little League Benchwarmers, soccer for the Greenbelt Soccer Association in the late 70s and women's softball in the late 70s and early 80s. He always enjoyed attending men's and women's softball games. Melvin enjoyed the Labor Day Festival and especially appreciated the Festival of Lights craft fair.

An avid collector of paintings, Melvin had a deep appreciation for art. He also had a passion for old cars and enjoyed attending car shows. He restored a 1939 Chevrolet with the help of a friend and held a special affection for his 1979 Corvette.

Melvin split his time between Maryland and Florida, enjoying the best of both worlds. He had a fondness for Maryland crabs and cherished the moments spent sharing them with loved ones.

Melvin leaves behind a legacy that includes his spouse, Katherine; his children, Paul and Bobby Kent and Sandi Cresswel; his cherished grandchildren, Megan, Sean, Anthony, Jessica, Logan and Kalina; his adored great-grandchildren, Tara, Juniper and Harlow; and his beloved pet Baby.

In memory of Melvin Robert Kent, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Sacred Ground Dates Now Set

The Sacred Ground dialogue circle is designed as a safe space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. This 11-session series is set to begin Sunday, October 29 and finish in April 2024. Registration is still open. All sessions are 4 to 6 p.m. on Sundays, in-person in Greenbelt. Contact Jim Fischer at jfischer2@verizon.net for the list of dates, to ask questions and to sign up. Curriculum details are at episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground. Preparation for each session includes watching 90 minutes of video and reading 35 pages of materials, all available online.

Joyce Mangum Celebrates 95 Years



Joyce Mangum pictured with her daughter Diane Mangum.

On Sunday, October 29, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Mangum family invites the community to join them in celebrating Joyce Mangum's birthday at the American Legion Greenbelt Post 136. This Greenbelt pioneer moved here in 1938 and graduated from Greenbelt High School with the class of 1946.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Melvin Robert Kent, a Greenbelter since 1960, who died October 15. He was often seen at Braden Field coaching soccer, Little League and women's softball in the 1970s and 1980s, and watching men's and women's softball games. An art connoisseur, he especially enjoyed the art and craft fair at the annual Festival of Lights.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Royce Buzzell, who died on October 11. The city flag has been flying at half-staff in his honor. Royce's birth was announced in Our Neighbors in the November 1, 1956, issue of the News Review. A poem he wrote about the American flag was recited in a Flag Day observance at Greenbelt Elementary School in June of 1967, and he was given a Greenbelt Lions Club award when he was a senior at Parkdale High School in 1974.

Congratulations to Joyce Mangum who is celebrating her 95th birthday and her 95th year in Greenbelt.

Congratulations to Frank DeBernardo, a parishioner at St.

Hugh's Church who was part of a group who enjoyed an audience with Pope Francis on October 17 in Rome.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Note the updated start time. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, on Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

"Humanity has emerged from its former degrees of limitation and preliminary training. Man must now become imbued with new virtues and powers, new moralities, new capacities."

– 'Abdu'l-Bahá



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Exodus 20:15



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- Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:15am*, Sat 9am*
- Sunday Mass:
 - Sat vigil 5pm*
 - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY of GREENBELT

MASS

Sundays 10:00 a.m.
City Council Room
25 Crescent Road

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For ZOOM link:

FDeBernardo@aol.com

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am

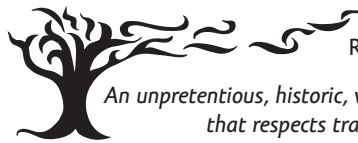
Sunday School 9:15am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD
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October 29 3 p.m.

The Long View: Remembering the Ancestors

Rev. Ann Kadlecik with Worship Associate Carol Carter Walker

Humans in many places, cultures and religious traditions choose this time of year to remember and honor the ancestors, and to renew connections across the divide of time and death.

In this service of remembrance, we will recall the gifts of our ancestors and our ties to them, as we honor those we loved and lost, and who live on in our hearts and memories. All are invited to bring a photo or other item that symbolizes someone you would like to remember today, which will be displayed during the service

Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at: University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

RESTORATION CENTER
A CHURCH WHERE HOPE IS RESTORED

301-345-0007
info@rccgreenbelt.org

FELLOWSHIP WITH US ON:

MORNING DEW (SUNDAY SCHOOL)
@9am

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
@10am

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY ON
Tuesday @ 7:30pm
Zoom ID: 874-0017-0242
Password: 828469

FOOD BANC WEDNESDAY
@11am-1pm

Sunday 12nd and 4th
@ 12pm

THRASHING FLOOR

@9pm on 2nd Fridays

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 3

- Monday, October 30 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**
- Monday, October 30 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - WSSC / PUBLIC HEARING**
- Tuesday, October 31 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, *On the Agenda: Approval of September 26 Minutes, Discussion of Annual Open Forum Event*
- Wednesday, November 1 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**
- Wednesday, November 1 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - MUNICIPAL BUILDING ARCHITECT STUDY**
- In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.*

SPONSOR THE 2023 GOBBLE WOBBLE 5K FAMILY RUN & WALK

Greenbelt Recreation is seeking local businesses and organizations interested in supporting the Gobble Wobble and its continued success.

Sponsorships range from \$100 - \$500. Depending on sponsor level, sponsorships may include logo placement on advertisements, on shirts, promotional materials, and more! If your business or organization is interested in sponsoring this year's Gobble Wobble, please contact Recreation at (301) 397-2200 or by email at aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov.

All sponsorships must be received by Monday, October 30.

WILD RUMPUS HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION October 27, 4:30 - 6:15 PM Roosevelt Center

FREE for kids of all ages. Show off your Halloween or cosplay costume (*no violent/gory imagery, please*). Dance and trick-or-treat. Appearance by the Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars performance jump rope team, plus special guest monsters! Followed by a free screening of the short film "Toy Story of Terror" at the Greenbelt Cinema. More information at <https://bit.ly/48IHGmy>.



HOLIDAY FOOD BOX
SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 1



Registrations open for the Holiday Food Box on November 1. For more information or to register, call (240) 424-0302 or email lgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

A December Holiday Food Box will be open for registration on December 1!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Departure from Sign Design Standards Application Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on November 1, 2023 at 7 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by 6500 Capitol Real Estate, LLC for consideration of a request for a Departure from Sign Design Standards (DSDS) for premises located at 6500 Capitol Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The Applicant is requesting permission to construct a second sign for a property with two roadway frontages that do not meet the definition of "approximately parallel" under the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance. Per Prince George's County Zoning, a property not located in an integrated shopping center with 40 to 1,000 feet on each of two parallel (or approximately parallel) streets is allowed one sign on each street. Section 27-614(d)(5) of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance defines "approximately parallel" as the angle between two (2) streets that is less than forty-five (45) degrees. The DSDS is to allow construction of a second sign along a roadway frontage that is 56 degrees, 43 minutes, and 2 seconds in angle from the other frontage associated with the subject property. For additional information please contact Ryan Sigworth, AICP, Community Planner at (240) 542-2042.

GREENBELT ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS Applications Rolling Through December 29, 2023

To view grant programs, visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.

MOVEMENT FOR REPARATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES BY DR. TAIFA Wednesday, November 1, at 7 pm via [Zoom](https://zoom.us/j/343s23m4)

The Greenbelt Reparations Commission will host a virtual education presentation about the Movement for Reparations in the United States by Dr. Nkechi Taifa. The public is welcome to attend this webinar. Questions will only be entertained from the commissioners at the request of the speaker.

Following the presentation, the Commission will hold a meeting to discuss their recommendation to the City of which facilitation consultant should be hired to assist them in their work.

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/343s23m4>. More info at greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE | FALL 2023-2024

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from October 30, 2023 until January 2024. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents NOT to park in front of leaf piles.

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 3 Lakeside, Greenspring I & II	NOVEMBER 20 - 22 Lakewood	DECEMBER 11 - 15 Woodland Hills
NOVEMBER 6 - 9 Boxwood	NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1 Lakeside, Greenspring I & II	DECEMBER 18 - 22 Lakewood, Greenspring I & II
NOVEMBER 13 - 17 Woodland Hills	DECEMBER 4 - 8 Boxwood	DECEMBER 26 - 29 Lakeside

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a
PUBLIC HEARING

to be held during the WSSC Work Session
Monday, October 30, 2023, at 7 pm

The Greenbelt City Council is holding a work session with WSSC on the Greenbelt Standpipe/Water Tower Rehabilitation project on October 30, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the City Council Room in the Greenbelt Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. WSSC will be discussing its plans to make improvements to the Water Tower located at the corner of Ridge Road and Lastner Lane. The planned improvement includes work to be completed on the neighboring residential property (241 Lastner Lane).

All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and ask questions.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION TRANSPORTATION TO POLLING PLACES

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, the Greenbelt Connection will provide free transportation to polling locations for City voters between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. Citizens who wish to avail themselves of this service should call:

GREENBELT CONNECTION: (301) 474-4100

to schedule their transportation. In addition, the City bus will make scheduled pickups at

GREEN RIDGE HOUSE AT 10:30 AM AND 2:30 PM

and will return to Green Ridge House after the voters have cast their ballots at the Community Center.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Election on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm

Any qualified registered voter with an address within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt may vote in City elections.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming election, please call the City offices at (301) 474-8000, use Maryland Relay (711), or send an email to the City Clerk at banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

A sample ballot is available on a flier at the Municipal Building and on the City website at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

**EARLY AND MAIL-IN VOTING
ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT
VOTER
MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY
EARLY VOTING or VOTE BY
MAIL-IN
NO MORE EXCUSES!**

EARLY VOTING: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING.

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Greenbelt Community Center –
(15 Crescent Road)

Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm

Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse –
(6915 Hanover Parkway)

Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm

Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center –
(6101 Cherrywood Lane)

Saturday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm

Sunday, November 5, 10 am – 3 pm

SAMPLE BALLOT

Greenbelt City Election
November 7, 2023

**COUNCILMEMBER /
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN SEVEN (7) /**

- ☐ RIC B. GORDON
- ☐ MATTHEW A. INZEO
- ☐ JENNIFER A. POMPI
- ☐ RODNEY M. ROBERTS
- ☐ MOSES N. SEKATAWA
- ☐ JAMES R. WHIPPLE
- ☐ WILLIAM A. ORLEANS
- ☐ EMMETT V. JORDAN
- ☐ KRISTEN L. K. WEAVER
- ☐ DANIELLE P. MCKINNEY
- ☐ SILKE I. POPE

ADVISORY QUESTION ON VOTING BY RESIDENT NONCITIZENS
Shall Section 15 ("Voters") of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt be amended to read as follows: (**Note: Underscoring indicates language to be added to the City Charter.** [Brackets indicate language to be removed.])
A qualified voter within the meaning of this charter shall be [any person] every citizen of the United States who is a resident of the City of Greenbelt and [who] is duly registered with Prince George's County under [the] applicable provisions of [Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; if not a U.S. citizen, then a resident registered to vote with the City Clerk; provided that eligibility to vote in any City election shall be subject to applicable (registration deadlines as set forth) law in the Charter and Code of the City.

Charter Amendment Question:
"Should Greenbelt residents who meet residency requirements but are not U.S. citizens be allowed to vote in City elections?"

- ☐ FOR the Charter Amendment /
A FAVOR de la Enmienda a la Carta
- ☐ AGAINST the Charter Amendment /
EN CONTRA de la Enmienda a la Carta

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ELECTRONICS & STYROFOAM RECYCLING Saturday, October 28 9 am - 12 pm

Public Works Yard,
555 Crescent Road

NO PAINT RECYCLING

NO Alkaline Batteries or CFLs
NO Tube TVs

**Questions?
Call (301) 474-8004**

BUDDY ATTICK PARK MASTER PLAN MEETING November 15 at 7 PM

Council Chambers,
Municipal Building

Agenda: Survey results, park analysis/assessment, concept approaches, public feedback.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE

Effective January 1, 2024, the City of Greenbelt's Bring Your Own Bag bill aims to reduce single-use plastic bag waste and litter in our local waterways and tributary system.

The Bring Your Own Bag Bill will prohibit a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and can charge at least 10 cents for each paper bag provided to a customer at the point of sale.

The City of Greenbelt recommends the use of reusable bags, defined as: A bag with stitched handles specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuses, made of cloth or other washable fabric; a durable material suitable for multiple re-use that is NOT made of plastic film.

For more information on this bill, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/BYOBO.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION Dates & Deadlines for 2023 City Council Elections

Second interim Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (by 12 pm)	10/27
Early voting begins	11/04
Training session for election judges and clerks	11/06
Election (7 am - 8 pm)	11/07
Mail-in ballots must be received (by 6 pm)	11/07
Final Campaign Contributions & Expenditures Report (12 pm)	11/10
Charter meeting for swearing-in (7:30 pm)	11/13

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

At the Library

The Greenbelt Library is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Library’s schedule are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Canned Food Drive

October 1 to November 9. The Office of Community Relations is collecting canned goods to provide families facing food insecurity with a Thanksgiving basket at their annual Stuff-A-Truck event. Email OCROreach@co.pg.md.us.

Storytimes

Friday, October 27, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9020759.

Monday, October 30, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9020747.

Wednesday, November 1, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9191164.

Kids Read

Friday, October 27, 4 p.m., ages 8 to 12. Practice reading with scary stories and fun activities. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9012813.

Talk Health

Monday, October 30, 11 a.m., ages 18+. Under the supervision of registered nurses, University of Maryland School of Nursing students conduct free weekly health screenings, referrals, health education and classes on a variety of topics. The full schedule is available at pgcmls.info/event/9020747.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, November 1, 4:30 p.m. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9189200.

Books at Bedtime

Wednesday, November 1, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3. Stories, music and activities for children with and without special needs. Presented by the PGCPs Infants and Toddlers Program for up to 12 community families. Register at pgcmls.info/event/9202806.



ST. HUGH’S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 4th and Sunday, November 5th 9:00 AM—2:00 PM



Crafts, Jewelry, Toys, Vendors, Door Prizes, Plants, Food, Baked Goods, White Elephant, Glassware and Silent Auction

St. Hugh’s Catholic Church
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Halloween Fun at the Market
Sunday Oct. 29 | 10a - 2p



Meet Edgar Allan Poe & Hear “The Raven”
Kids Activities, Costumes Encouraged!
Trick-or-Treat w/select Vendors
Halloween-Themed Live Music



Letters, from p.2

Flower Moon, describing the vicious greed, theft and murder perpetrated on the Osage Nation. You may think this story of theft doesn’t hit close to home, but you’d be wrong. The Morrill Act of 1862 funded 52 land-grant universities, including University of Maryland, by taking away 11 million acres from roughly 250 Native American tribes, including 462,475 acres from the Osage Nation achieved through violent seizure or forced through treaty.

Our local university would receive vouchers for land in California, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin taken from dozens of tribes, including the Osage Nation. Participating universities were required to conserve and invest the principal if they sold those lands to build and enrich their endowments in the process. University of Maryland made a reported \$112,500 on just under 203,000 acres of

stolen lands that seeded their endowment, an amount far greater when inflation is factored in.

The Morrill Act was just one of many cuts to the Osage Nation. By the early 1900s it would only own a fraction of its 1.5 million acres of former ancestral lands that only with grit and determination it is now piecing back together one parcel at a time. If you see the movie, don’t stop there. Dig deeper to really understand the systemic theft that was perpetuated at the expense of Native lives and lands from tribes all over this country including right here at home.

Melissa Ann Ehrenreich
(Information in this letter to the editor was sourced through landgrabu.org, extensively researched by High Country News, which includes an exhaustive database of the parcels received by land grant universities under the Morrill Act of 1862.)

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clothing. The MakerSpace has also created a tool lending library that allows residents to access tools without purchasing them.

Greenbelt’s Community Solar Program has continued to expand and now has 130 households enrolled. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, this is equivalent to 812 metric tons of carbon dioxide avoided.

“The City of Greenbelt takes pride in being socially and environmentally responsible,” said

Mayor Emmett Jordan. “From recycling to composting, bike paths and the overhead tree canopies and our soon-to-be enacted single-use plastic bag ban, the city continually works to take responsibility for a more sustainable future.”

For detailed information about Greenbelt’s sustainability initiatives, email Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles at lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-474-8004.



Trick-or-treating on All Hallow’s Eve?

Stop by 36J Ridge Rd. for a delightful scare . . . if you dare . . . BWA-HAA-HAA-HAAA!!!

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday October 31

City Notes

Recreation staff facilitated the Active Aging Octoberfest and the Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park. Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted a youth workforce development program and, with Arts staff, offered a field-trip workshop for Greenbelt Elementary students.

Greenbelt Connection provided 130 rides and park rangers accompanied the Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) Walk.

The Community Center hosted a Homeowner’s Association Roundtable, a Senior Nutrition Advisory Council meeting and a produce distribution. The facility accommodated the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program, Girl Scouts, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Community Orchestra, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Friends

of Greenbelt Theatre, Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition, Writers Group and 13 rentals.

The Museum offered a lecture about Diego Rivera, hosted a Reparations Commission meeting and welcomed 12 open-house visitors.

CARES’ Fall Job Fair connected 14 businesses with 112 job seekers.

Maintenance staff created a pedestrian walkway approaching the Pumpkin Walk and hung Utopia Film Festival banners. Refuse and recycling collected 24.04 tons of refuse and 10.66 tons of recyclables.



Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

HARVEST BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 10, 2023
NOVEMBER 11, 2023

OPENS FRIDAY, NOV. 10 AT 12N SILENT AUCTION CLOSES SATURDAY, NOV. 11 AT 7PM	FRIDAY, NOV. 10 12N - 8PM: CARNIVAL with Games, Raffles, Silent Auction, Shopping, Crafts, Bakery 12N - 2PM: PIZZA LUNCH 5 - 7PM: ITALIAN DINNER 6 - 8PM: CASH BINGO & BONFIRE	SATURDAY, NOV. 11 SUNDAY, NOV. 12 8AM - DUSK MASSIVE YARD & HALL SALE! FEALY HALL
2023 QUILT RAFFLE “Celestial Garden” 	SATURDAY, NOV. 11 8AM: YARD & HALL SALE, COFFEE & DONUTS 12N - DUSK: CARNIVAL with Games, Raffles, Silent Auction, Shopping, Crafts, Bakery 12N - 2PM: SALUTE TO VETERANS, BBQ LUNCH, DINOSAUR HOUR, PICTURES WITH SANTA 5 - 9PM: ST. MARTIN’S DAY DINNER & CELEBRATION with MD Wine Tasting, Bakery, Kids Games, Raffle Drawings 7 - 8PM: LIVE AUCTION	FRIDAY, NOV. 10 SATURDAY, NOV. 11 COFFEE, TEA, BOTTLED WATER, SODAS FOR SALE ALL DAY BOTH DAYS AND BEER & WINE FOR SALE FOR AGES 21 & UP AFTER 5PM BOTH DAYS

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Meetings of the GHI and GDC Boards of Directors on November 2, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Member Financial Matters
- b) Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on September 7, 2023
- c) Contract for Fringe Benefits (Employee Health Insurance Renewal)-2nd Reading
- d) Legal Matters

GDC Closed Meeting – starts after the GHI Closed Meeting ends – closed to members and visitors

- a) Contract to replace GDC Garage roofs
- b) Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on September 7, 2023

GHI Open Meeting – starts after the GDC Open Meeting ends - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of a Closed Meeting Held on November 2, 2023
- b) Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on September 7, 2023
- c) Proposed 2024 GHI Operating Budget – 1st Reading
- d) Motion to hold a Closed Meeting on November 16, 2023

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/ZAtcu6srTvwH9NVcuUO7UapG_xV449g-NGx
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Come Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Our Greenbelt Forest Preserve!

Sunday, October 29, 2023
1-3 PM

In Recognition and Celebration of those who have acted to protect this place of natural beauty and to keep the trees standing!

Program
Visual, verbal and vitally important highlights of the history of Greenbelt Forest Preserve

New Deal Café reception fare

Fantastic Forest Cake

Attire: Casual and forest festive! Hiking boots, hats and scarves are welcome!

New Deal Café
113 Centerway
Greenbelt, Maryland
20770

For more information:
contact Susan Barnett
suzanbwild@gmail.com
443-388-2961.

19th Utopia Film Festival Brings Small Films to Greenbelt's Screens

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

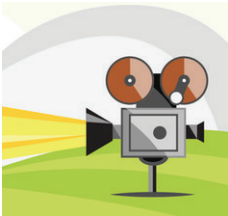
"Films can change your life," said Frank Gervasi, one of the organizers of the Utopia Film Festival. "Would there be a Black Lives Matter or police reform without all those cell phone videos?" he asked a full room at the Festival's kickoff reception on Friday evening. "Would we care about Ukraine, or Gaza City or Israel without all of those images and the TV press conferences? I don't think so. I don't think we would know about it," he said. "On the upside, our hearts are warmed by film We learn through films, we're angered, we discover, we're saddened, we laugh, we cry. It's all through film and all through these video images we see and that's been going on for 120 years, really," said Gervasi.

Independent films are among his favorites. The Festival has seen as many as 180 submissions from up to 30 different countries, Gervasi said, and they select only 35 of the best. "They're all outstanding," said Gervasi of the selected films. "They shape our lives, they really do. They've changed my life," said Gervasi, who said his diet and whole life-style has been shaped by films and what he's learned and been inspired by from them. "All you filmmakers, you're really important. I mean that," he concluded. "It's a real privilege to have

so many creative people in the room and have that focus on the arts, which has also been a really important part of Greenbelt's heritage and legacy going forward," said Mayor Emmett Jordan as he welcomed visiting directors and filmmakers to Greenbelt. Executive Director Chris Haley invited folks to get involved in what he described as a very accessible, small film festival, where after 19 years there's still a chance to "get in on the ground floor," he said. He then recognized each of the filmmakers who were gathered in the city council room. The most local director in the audience was Jonathan Alexander of Hyattsville, bringing his film, Namesake, about the renaming of a local park. Others had travelled much further. Al Mertens, the director of Thank You, Amelia Earhart had come from Oklahoma. "We took the short drive from NYC and this is better," he told the crowd. Other filmmakers included Renee Green, whose film The Coal Women is set in the Virgin Islands and depicts the lives of the women who coaled the steam ships there and really "ignited the industrial revolution," she said; and Jen Koiter, writer and producer of Birds of the Air, which she described as "a sub-versively wholesome transgender coming out story," and several more.

The winners of this year's festival awards were Eighteen Tuesdays, directed by Merrick Apple Presser and Tommy Cobby Sheridan, which won the category of Outstanding Utopian Vision; Namesake, directed by Jonathan Alexander, for Outstanding Short Film; Sew to Say, directed by Raket Aguirre, for Best Documentary; Coral Reef Restoration, directed by Asa Miller, for Best Youth Film; and Town Destroyer, directed by Deborah Kaufman and Alan Snitow winning the New Deal Spirit Award.

Reviews from this year's festival screenings will appear in a future issue of the News Review.



News Review on Tour



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Suzanne Johnson and her mom, Mary Moien, visit Niagara Falls, Ontario, on September 10.

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Filmmakers at the opening of the 19th Utopia Film Festival, pictured from left: Jonathan Alexander (Namesake), Diane Powell (Intersectionality), Renee Green (The Coal Women), Dianne Steimel (Shantyboat), Kate Woods (The Hoof Trimmer), Jen Koiter (Birds of the Air), Nikki Hevesy (A Year to Life) and Brandi and Alan Mertens (Thank You, Amelia Earhart).

Rodney Roberts' Priority Goals for the Next 2 Years

- Use ARPA funds to acquire the scrapyard and nearby vacant land for a new Greenbelt West park
- Complete the hiker/biker trail from the new Greenbelt station community to the Metro station
- Complete acquisition of the armory site and begin working with the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department to plan a new firehouse
- Work to defeat the MAGLEV train and highway widening for "Lexus lanes"
- Pass rent stabilization legislation that will stop egregious rent hikes
- Continue to oppose run away taxes
- Save Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) from proposed industrial development

For information or contributions:
Citizens to Re-Elect Roberts, 6-T Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
240-375-4947
By Authority: Joseph O'Brien Jr, Treasurer

It's Election Time Again!

Re-Elect Silke Pope to City Council

It takes civility, common sense, and patience to make good decisions for the city.

I am committed to working cooperatively with all Councilmembers to improve and protect Greenbelt's future.

Please, Vote #11 on the ballot on November 7th, 2023 I appreciate your support!!

Authorized by: *Lindy Ivy, Treasurer*

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programs for local residents starting their own businesses.

Let’s also upgrade the neighborhood:

Confront the crime problem in Greenbelt West, finally, including camera surveillance. Businesses considering relocation check crime statistics.

Encourage modernization of Beltway Plaza.

Make Greenbelt West a “happening place” where businesses and workers want to go.

The FBI moving to Greenbelt would likely solve the entire office vacancy problem, as FBI contractors would seek offices near the agency. To support that idea, write to: Joseph R. Biden, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Ric Gordon

Greenbelt is an ever-growing city, as we continue to grow in population the services and staff must meet the need. A space study was done recently concerning space which looked at better uses of current city space. I believe once we officially acquire the Armory from the federal government that will be a game changer for space that could help the city in many ways including the fire department, city administration and CARES services etc. Which would allow us to make use of and update other buildings for additional space. We should also work with Franklin Park about my idea I have mentioned to them of using the unused second pool and basketball court on Franklin Park property to create additional recreation space where they can partner with our city recreation department for youth activities. I feel an addition to the municipal building is a solid idea for more space.

Silke Pope

Strategies that could be pursued to fill empty spaces would be to target businesses that have employees returning to onsite work and government agencies and universities that need additional space for satellite offices.

The city could work with property owners to market un-

used office space to potential companies and government agencies, using a vibrant, coordinated and professional marketing campaign that reaches out to the entire region. Creative incentives for moving operations to Greenbelt should be explored.

As for retail space, the city could provide seminars to existing and prospective businesses on how to best advertise their business and on small business financing and small grants that are available locally. This could act as an engine for increasing small businesses within the community.

Using vacant office space for housing would be complicated but possible as this use would require zoning changes and the city does not have planning and zoning authority.

Danielle McKinney

On the Greenbelt City Council, I will work to enhance residents’ quality of life by helping to repurpose unused spaces to address key gaps and inequities with creative and forward thinking. Affordable housing is instrumental to quality of life. So I’ll first advocate to convert unused spaces into affordable housing units, which could benefit seniors or other residents looking to downsize or save for a future home purchase.

Safe, sustainable and inclusive recreation is also essential for a thriving community. We should convert unused spaces into recreation and community activities that are lacking in Greenbelt East and West. By creating spaces like art studios, athletic courts or indoor vertical gardens, we can provide greater recreational options for residents across Greenbelt.

Finally, I’ll support economic development that aligns with our community priorities, like transforming unused spaces to attract new, innovative and environmentally responsible businesses through pop-up shops, business incubators and more.

Kristen Weaver

Filling unused space requires collaboration between the city and organizations like the Greenbelt Business Alliance. A recent forum highlighted the need for expertise in commercial leases and other technical aspects for aspiring entrepreneurs. The city can be a connector to those with the proper expertise through workshops and training. Through American Rescue Plan Act funds, we provided business grants, including for capital improvements. While that money is time-limited, we can seek funding for a revolving fund to continue supporting businesses starting up or relocating in Greenbelt. Complete repurposing of some spaces may be warranted, especially unused office space as collective work habits have changed. I would like to explore options and partnerships for reworking office space into affordable housing, especially in areas close to the Metro. There will be challenges, since office buildings weren’t built with the internal systems and structure needed for residential units, but it’s worth considering seriously.

Emmett Jordan

Greenbelt’s 2022 office vacancy rate reached 29.18 percent (source: CommercialCafe.com), with retail vacancies even higher. As multi-year leases expire and space needs shift, we must focus on business attraction and retention. Additionally, we should explore creative repurposing options for vacant spaces.

Before Covid-19, the DMV area already faced excess office space. In 2014, Greenbelt enlisted Economist Anirban Basu to help shape our economic development strategies. Basu recommended using incentives and tax credits to encourage building owners to renovate and upgrade. We’re allocating some Federal ARPA funding for this, but we can also support repurposing incentives.

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Ghosts and ghoulies greet users of the Lake trail.

It’s Time to Complete The City Questionnaire

At election time, Greenbelt residents are asked to complete a questionnaire to provide useful information to the newly elected city council and city staff. Go to greenbeltnmd.gov/community/greenbelt-community-questionnaire for links to the survey. Only one online response is allowed per computer. If more than one adult in a household wishes to complete the questionnaire, print out the PDF version and mail it to Community Questionnaire, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.



Cookies on the Bridge Seeks Volunteers

It’s time for some sweetness for the students. This is a call for volunteers who are looking for something fun and worthwhile to do: consider Cookies on the Bridge. On weekdays from 3:15 to 4 p.m., volunteers meet at the Spellman Overpass to offer cookies (and carrots) to students coming home from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The goal is to ensure the safety of the students as they make their way home.

Those interested or who have questions should contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness), at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755 and leave a message.



Greenbelt Community Church Quarterly DONATION DRIVE

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Drop Off Oct. 28-29

Saturday, October 28
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sunday, October 29
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

*Items should be placed in kitchen-size trash bags or sturdy boxes
Please no oversized items or furniture*

Greenbelt Community Church
(rear parking lot)
1 Hillside Road



Fall Vendor Show

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Health News

Check Out Your Blood Pressure When You Check Out a Book

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



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Nursing students, in partnership with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, provide blood pressure screenings at Greenbelt Library.

At the Greenbelt Library you can check out more than books – on Mondays you can also get your blood pressure checked and join a team of University of Maryland nursing students to learn more about various health topics. The goal is to improve health equity through free resources accessible to library patrons. Each week, under the supervision of clinical faculty, the students are conducting free health screenings, referrals, health education and classes on a variety of topics, including stress reduction, healthy eating and nutrition, managing chronic illness and low-impact exercises. (Note: Students cannot provide first aid, wound care, emergency services, diagnosis of illness or vaccinations.) On Monday, October 23, on the ground floor of the Library, one nursing student told the News Review they'd already met with eight people and checked their blood pressure within 90 minutes of the day's session, which runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clinical Instructor

Sarah Chapman said the team takes the opportunity to share more information with those who stop to get their blood pressure checked, particularly information about the flu vaccine and the RSV vaccine that are available for older residents. On Monday, nursing student Bukola Oladipupo gave a presentation on diabetes: risk factors, symptoms and living with the disease. The presentation was followed by gentle exercises that she led from the front of the room. One woman in the audience comes for the presentations and exercises every week. She'd shared information about cholesterol she learned the week before with her sister, she said. For the students the Talk Health program offers them a chance to get hands-on community nursing experience. Oladipupo says working directly with the community is extremely fulfilling, especially when it comes to educating them about the importance of managing their health. "A lot of people – after checking them,

we realize that they didn't take their blood pressure medication that morning," Oladipupo said. "Letting them know how important it is to be compliant with the medication regimen – it's something rewarding for me." "Public libraries and public health are a natural combination," said Karin Russ, an assistant professor at University of Maryland. "Libraries are one of the last free spaces and provide the public with access to information and technology," she said. "And now, they will provide the ability to talk with health professionals one-on-one." The Talk Health program with the University of Maryland School of Nursing is running each Monday through November 13. The schedule is 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. blood pressure screenings; 12:30-1:30 p.m. presentation and learning opportunity; 1:30-2 p.m. low impact cardio; 2-3:30 p.m. blood pressure screenings and high blood pressure education. The Talk Health topic for October 30 is Flu, Covid and RSV vaccination, November 6 is healthy eating and November 13 is stress management.

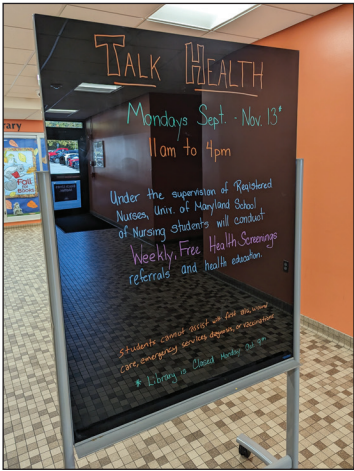


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Talk Health at the Library

Springhill Lake Elementary Listed Among America's Healthiest Schools

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation, recently recognized three Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) elementary schools for their efforts to transform their sites into healthier places for students and staff. Among them was Springhill Lake Elementary School. Springhill Lake is among 781 schools nationwide to be named as America's Healthiest Schools for the 2022-2023 school year. The recognition, awarded by Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a leading children's health organization, honors schools' dedication to supporting the health and well-being of students, staff and families. "We're honored to receive this

national recognition highlighting our efforts to create healthier learning environments for students and staff," said PGCPS Superintendent Millard House II. "Nutrition, food access, enhanced physical and health education and thoughtful wellness policies all contribute to schools where our students can grow and thrive." Springhill Lake Elementary was recognized for healthy policies and practices across categories including: cultivating staff well-being, increasing family and community engagement, improving nutrition and food access, implementing local wellness policy, bolstering physical education/physical activity, enriching health education, promoting tobacco-free schools and supporting school health services.



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the county, say county representatives. The Greenbelt facility was acquired at a cost of \$8.9 million and is designated for extensive modernization and the expansion of essential services. County government has invested \$18 million in the new health center, substantially strengthening public health services by enabling the expansion of vaccinations and critical public health services, while also meeting operational, storage, meeting and office space requirements.

The new health center will serve as a hub for a wide range of healthcare services, including behavioral health, dental care, disease investigation and control, a reproductive health resource center for sexually transmitted

infection services and more. It will also be equipped to reduce patient wait times, enhance staff-to-patient ratios, introduce modern equipment like telehealth capabilities and streamline patient processing. The larger facility will also allow the Health Department to expand healthcare services in the future based on community needs. "In its expanded capacity, this facility is tailored to meet the ever-changing healthcare needs of our community," stated Dr. Matthew Levy, Prince George's County health officer. "This new health center highlights our commitment to broadening healthcare access and delivering important public health services."



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for City Council

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• Proactively pursue equity, fair practices, and justice in city policies

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Kristen

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By authority of Kristen Weaver for City Council, Hally Ahearn, Treasurer

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My leadership in community and economic development positions Greenbelt well for uncertainty. Our new staff proactively works on business retention and attraction, and we can do more.

While residential conversions may not be practical short-term, Greenbelt’s strength lies in its medical and professional services. Let’s capitalize on this and incentivize these businesses to locate here.

Bill Orleans

“Owners” of Greenbelt’s commercial properties don’t respect that its residents, or its council, should expect to define their uses of “their” property. We should not agree with them, of course, but the law is on their side, and this is an example that “the law” sometimes “is an ass.”

Except for old-town, downtown, the original plan, Greenbelt’s various commercial spaces were developed on single land-use models now 50 years old, or older.

Their “owners” seek the services Greenbelt provides, and such public subsidy they can get, but when their business model is failing, and the market is weakening, and their profits aren’t increasing, they, at least some, seek abatements on their property taxes, and from Greenbelt’s residential taxpayers, get reimbursed.

Nuts. They are in business to profit, and when they don’t, they should eat the loss. Alternatively, they could cooperate with the city

and redevelop with more sustainable mixed uses.

James Whipple

Productive land is instrumental to the continued financial strength of our city. Underutilized space is a product of changes in the habits of the people of our city and is worsened by outdated zoning from Prince George’s County. I will work with the county to loosen these restrictions and allow our city to flourish.

To fill this space for its original purpose, we must lower the barrier for small businesses. Mandatory parking minimums inflate the entry cost of running a business by having to purchase the building and an oversized and underused parking lot. We should also incentivize activity venues to entice people to visit.

To repurpose these areas would require a zoning overhaul, which I will support. Many cities are converting offices into apartments. Loosening zoning restrictions to allow different kinds of businesses in an area is a good compromise, allowing entrepreneurs to use the building for their purpose.

Pedestrian Dies in Scooter Collision on Greenbelt Rd.

On Tuesday October 17 at approximately 9:20 p.m., officers responded to the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road.

Preliminary investigation revealed the rider of a scooter was traveling eastbound on Greenbelt Road when they struck a pedestrian crossing the road (not in the crosswalk) near the entrance to Greenway Shopping Center. The pedestrian was pronounced dead on the scene. The striking driver was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call the Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit at 301-731-4422.

GATe Shows Council Candidate Videos

With the elections getting closer, Greenbelt Access Television (GATe) has produced a series of videos for all 11 candidates for the Greenbelt City Council and they are available for viewing now on the GATe channel and website. In the videos, each candidate was given three minutes to respond to the question, “What would you like to see council accomplish in its next two-year term?”

To view these videos on demand, visit greenbeltaccessstv.org, scroll down to WATCH and click on the YouTube link. In addition to their YouTube channel, GATe programming is available daily on Comcast channel 77 and Verizon FiOS channel 19. Their schedule is posted on their channel websites.

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those would get the most attention. He has always enjoyed the Fall Fest, attending the event as a staff member in previous years. This time was his second year overseeing it as event coordinator.

“It’s cool to see the families coming out and everybody having fun, and it’s cool to see the different elements of fall,” he told the News Review.

Two of the volunteers, Lillian Rankel and Ella Galban, talked with the News Review as they staffed one of the pumpkin-decorating tables. One of Rankel’s favorite parts of the Fall Fest are the hayrides, while Galban most enjoys the popcorn and the cider. Both young women have happily volunteered with Greenbelt

Recreation for a while in various capacities, including participating in the weekly Teen Takeover on Fridays and working as camp counselors. Galban said she likes volunteering for Greenbelt Recreation because she gets to help the general public. She also enjoys the fact that it’s youth focused. “I like how we center on the youth, so that way they become role models in the community,” said Galban. Rankel explained that she’s lived here all her life, so she likes volunteering because she gets to participate in these community events with people from her neighborhood.

The ferocious wind that blew away the possibilities of games with inflatables also led

to the cancellation of the Schrom Hills pumpkin walk that evening, where the carved pumpkins would have lined the park’s paths. Instead, the participants were able to take their jack-o-lanterns home with them from the festival. A great time was had by all and hopefully the weather will be more favorable next year.

Emily Jacob is a student at the University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill College of Journalism writing for the News Review.

LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE FAMILY COURT
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DOCKET NO.: 2023-DR-44-179
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
PROCEEDINGS
TO THE DEFENDANT:
JUAN AMAYA, ALLEGED
BIRTH FATHER
AND JOHN DOE BIRTH
FATHER
YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN
THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:**

1. That an adoption proceeding was filed in the Family Court of Union County on August 11, 2023, and in this Complaint, you are alleged to be the father of a Hispanic, male child born in Silver Spring, Maryland, on July 26, 2023.

2. That the Plaintiffs in the above captioned Notice are not named for the purpose of confidentiality; however, the Court knows the true identity of the Plaintiffs and in responding to this notice, you are required to use the caption and the number 2023-DR-44-179.

3. That if Notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond is filed by you with the Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the merits of the adoption. To file notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond in this action, you must notify the above-named Court at Union County Courthouse, Clerk of Court Union County Family Court, 210 W. Main St. Union, South Carolina, 29379 in writing of your intention to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond. The above named Court must be informed of your current address and any changes of your address during the adoption proceedings.

4. That your failure to respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings constitutes your consent to the adoption and forfeiture of all of your rights and obligations to the above identified child. It is further alleged that your consent to this adoption is not required under S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-9-310 and that your parental rights should be terminated pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-7-2570 (7). This notice is given pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-9-730 (E).Raymond W. Godwin, Esq. (SC Bar #2162) P.O. Box 354 Greenville, SC 29602 PH (864) 241-2883 FAX: (864) 255-4342 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

Date: October18, 2023



Pumpkins are carved at Schrom Hills Park.

Saturday, November 4

Greenbelt Community Church

Spaghetti Dinner

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Notice of the Annual Membership Meeting

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Greenbelt Community Center Gym

15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20770

According to the Co-op's bylaws, 25 members constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, those present can schedule another meeting, which can proceed even in the absence of a quorum.

Note: Voting members have \$100 or more in their member capital account.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred October 16 - 22, 2023. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltnmd.gov. Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported one contact with Child Protective Services, five domestic disputes including one with a weapon displayed and three resulting in arrest, one mental health diversion, one attempted suicide and one sexual assault. On October 17 near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a missing person case was resolved. On October 22, officers helped a woman suffering a diabetic crisis get to the hospital for treatment.

Vehicular Death

On October 17 at 9:18 p.m. near 7501 Greenbelt Road, at the Greenway Shopping Center entrance, a pedestrian crossing the road was struck and killed.

Assault

On October 18 at 9:53 a.m. a high school student walking home was assaulted near Springhill Lane by five unknown males wearing black. Upon arriving at the scene, the officers found one of the juvenile suspects who matched the description provided by the witness. When the juvenile tried to run away, the officers chased after him on foot and were able to apprehend him after a brief pursuit. The suspect was taken into custody along with the stolen items. There were no weapons involved and the victim was not injured.

Carjacking

On October 21 at 8:29 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, a man driving a U-Haul box truck stopped to get gas, and two men approached him wearing ski masks and demanded the vehicle at gunpoint. He complied and they drove off; they also took his cell phone.

Robberies

On October 17 at 4:31 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a boy was walking home when he was attacked by several youths who stole his backpack and shoes, and fled in two vehicles. One crashed into a parked vehicle and a passenger, a known repeat offender, was apprehended. The Department of Juvenile Services did not take custody of the suspect, and he was released to his guardian. Another vehicle, stolen from College Park, was found in Berwyn Heights with the victim's property inside.

On October 19 at 10:52 a.m. near Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane, a man was approached at the bus stop by two men who surrounded him and asked if he had any money. The man ran and dropped his AirPods, which one of the men took. By tracking the AirPods, one suspect was arrested and charged.

DUI Arrests

On October 16 at 9:57 p.m. near 3 Lakecrest Circle, a car struck a parked vehicle. The driver had alcohol on his breath

and admitted that he had been drinking. He was arrested after the field sobriety test.

On October 21 at 12:27 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, an unoccupied vehicle was facing opposite the traffic flow, with damage to the front bumper consistent with striking a truck. A Maryland driver's license found in the vehicle led officers to a local address. The vehicle's driver admitted she had been drinking, and she was arrested.

Fraud

On October 18 near 7600 Ora Glen Drive, an unauthorized check was cashed. On October 20 near 7700 Mandan Road, wages were garnished by a bank for an unknown loan.

On October 22 near 20 Ridge Road, a woman was persuaded to buy gift cards for a caller claiming to be from Amazon, who said someone was hacking the woman's account.

Suspicious Person

On October 17 at 1:56 p.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, a man wearing a ski mask was standing beside the drive-thru ATM while a woman was trying to use it. She became frightened, rolled up her window and exited the ATM area, leaving her card. The bank recovered her card.

Theft

On October 22 at 3:55 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a woman's backpack/purse was stolen; when someone tried to use her debit card, she locked it. No money was lost.

Residential packages were stolen October 18 near 8100 Miner Street, October 21 near 7500 Mandan Road and October 22 near 8100 S Channel Drive. On October 17 near 8000 Greenbelt

Station Parkway, a Ring camera detected a light-complexioned male with a long bushy ponytail and a full goatee, last seen walking further up Greenbelt Station Parkway; and on October 19 near 7900 Mandan Road, a man wearing a hoodie and joggers.

Two shoplifting arrests occurred: On October 16 at 1:59 p.m. near 7455 Greenbelt Road, four women tried to steal bags of clothing. They were caught; three had open warrants and were arrested. On October 19 at 12:19 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man with an open warrant, known for trespassing and shoplifting, was arrested after stealing a shopping cart of items.

On October 16 at 8:14 p.m. near Greenbelt Road, two people stole a cartful of items. On October 17 at 8:23 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a man grabbed an armful of products and ran out of the store. On October 18 at 2:36 p.m. near 7599 Greenbelt Road, a man and woman stole laundry detergent and a soda. They were caught and banned from the property. On October 18 at 5:37 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two women stole clothing and fled in a black SUV. On October 21 at 5:10 p.m. near 7405 Greenbelt Road, a suspect ate food at a restaurant and left without paying.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

Seven vehicles were stolen this week: on October 16, a silver 2016 Acura sedan (Md. 7FC8131) left unlocked near 147 Westway, and a gray 2012 Audi A4 (D.C. EZ2017) left with the engine running near 7300 Morrison Drive; on October 17 near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a black Lexus

LS (Va. TSN9826); on October 19 near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a 2020 Hyundai Elantra (Mass. 1MBM27); on October 22, a blue 2020 Honda CR-V (Texas RWX1509) near 6227 Springhill Court, a white 2015 Lexus IS (Md. 79231CK) near 5800 Cherrywood Lane and a gold 1995 Honda Accord (Md. 8FJ6058) near 6300 Ivy Lane.

Attempted Theft of Vehicle

Four vehicles (including two Kias and a Hyundai) had damaged windows and ignition consistent with attempted theft: on October 16, a car near 8000 Mandan Road; on October 22, a 2017 Kia Optima near 7700 Hanover Parkway; on October 17 near 7200 Morrison Drive, a 2015 Kia Forte; and on October 20 near Southway and Greenbelt Road, a Hyundai Sonata (involved in an accident).


Theft from Auto

On October 21 near 7800 Walker Drive, a 2022 Honda Civic had all four tires/wheels missing. On October 22 near 7600 Hanover Parkway, a tag was stolen (D.C. GB7030).

Vandalism to Auto

On October 22 near 7901 Mandan Road, a 2011 Hyundai Elantra had a damaged window, and near 7801 Mandan Road, a 2013 Hyundai Sonata was keyed. On October 17 near 1 Southway, a Hyundai Santa Fe had a damaged window. On October 19 near 7480 Greenway Center Drive, someone removed decorative rhinestone strips from a vehicle.





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Police Solve Two Robberies, Connect Man to 15-20 More

Greenbelt Police Detectives were able to solve two robberies that took place at the 7-Eleven located in the 7900 block of Good Luck Road over the summer, on May 21 and July 24.

Working with detectives from the Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD), Greenbelt Police identified 34-year-old Derek Lynn Davis of Temple Hills as the suspect. Detectives were able to place Davis at both 7-Eleven robberies.

Davis had been arrested along with two other men in August after committing two additional commercial armed robberies.

Greenbelt detectives applied for and were issued warrants for Davis, charging him with Firearm use in felony/violent crimes, Assault First Degree, Assault Second Degree, Armed Robbery, Theft \$100-\$1500, Handgun on Person, Firearm Possession by Felon and Reckless endangerment.

These warrants were turned over to the Office of the Sheriff and will be served on Davis, who is currently incarcerated and being held in the Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections. PGPD was able to connect him to an additional 15 to 20 robberies.

Missing Teens Located

All five of the youths who went missing from a Skate Zone in Crofton on Saturday, October 14 have been located, reported Anne Arundel County Police Department.



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Pumpkins and Faces Aglow At Roosevelt Center Carving

by Cavit Ireland

There were bright smiles from pumpkins and people at this year's Roosevelt Center Pumpkin Carving.

At the event – free for everyone – families and people of all ages went to work designing and crafting jack-o'-lanterns Friday evening October 20. Sharp-toothed faces laughed while witches, ghouls and goblins danced on pumpkins placed around the base of the Mother and Child statue.

One sporty pumpkin donned the number 10 with "Messi" carved into it.

Some experienced artists brought their own knives, while



Leighton Whitfield, 9, works on her pumpkin.

others took their first stab at the task, "I never want to carve again!" exclaimed 6-year-old Karissa, while her mother, Kimberly Zevallos scooped seeds and guts.

Amid the pumpkin debris, there was plenty of Halloween spirit going around. Some had their costumes all planned out, while others like 9-year-old Leighton Whitfield, are holding off and leaving it for a surprise. A first-time carver herself, Leighton gave her pumpkin a winky face.

Volunteers passed out fresh pumpkins as people came, carved and conquered their gourds. By the end, there was a small army of jack-o'-lanterns illuminating the square.

From the Center, the jack-o'-lanterns were transported by volunteers to the North Woods for a community Pumpkin Walk the following evening. The carving and walk are a part of the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival which hosts a variety of Halloween-themed community events each year leading up to the holiday. The carvings and walks through pumpkin-lined woods have become a fall favorite for many.

Cavit Ireland is a student at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism writing for the News Review.

The Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival Delights Again

The Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival this year organized three carving events and two pumpkin walks (though one was cancelled due to high winds). Last weekend there were carvings at the Roosevelt Center on Friday night and at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday afternoon, as well as a magical walk through the North Woods on Saturday evening. If you missed some of the festivities, there's still time to join a final carving event that will take place this Friday, October 27, starting at 3:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival is run by volunteers and funded entirely by donations from the community – individuals who attend and support, and local businesses and organizations. The Rotary Club of Greenbelt was the fiscal sponsor this



Oscar Gayken (left) and Arianna Bridges were among the youngest and most enthusiastic of the many Pumpkin Festival volunteers.



Pumpkin faces carved at the Roosevelt Center on Friday were on display for the evening before being loaded into trucks ready to adorn the North Woods the following night.

year, handling all the finances. Greenbelt Co-op sourced pumpkins at an excellent discount, and CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society) helped dispose of pumpkin waste responsibly.

Although not a city sponsored event, the City of Greenbelt provides amazing support to make the events possible as well. And of course, there would be no Pumpkin Walk without the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Advisory Board and their efforts to keep the woods wild and available to the community. "The Pumpkin Festival is our community at its best," said festival coordinator Stacy Stewart, "everyone participating and making something magical, and we are always looking for more volunteers."

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Greenbelt Middle Hosts Hispanic Festival and Resource Network

by Lois Rosado

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) was buzzing with excitement on Friday, October 6, when a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month took place. Students and families enjoyed face painting, dancing and lots of delicious South American food. Youngsters hugged Mey, the mental health mascot, who greeted everyone with enthusiasm. Mayor Emmett Jordan came to greet parents and school staff and thank them for organizing the event.

An Array of Resources

In addition to a celebration, there was an array of resources. The Guatemalan consulate attended to show support and provide immigration information. Also attending was Alejandro Pérez, from the Education Department of the University of Maryland, who is planning a literacy program for Spanish speakers not literate in their own language. The Parent Teacher Association Vice President Danielle Wood was present to recruit more parents, and Thurman Jones, from the Patriots Training Center, was on hand to inform interested parents and students about the coming Science, Technology, Engineering

and Math (STEM) learning opportunities at GMS. The school's therapist, Estefany Larios, was also there to meet students and their families. Deji Ayoku of Greenbelt CARES was distributing literature about city programs and Youth Coordinator Devin Dyer, from Community Youth Advance, shared information about the youth mentoring program.

Students and Families

Principal Marcellus Clement was effusive about the student and family turnout and participation and very glad for the community resource groups that attended to provide those families with valuable information. Clement and Assistant Principal Camille Butler were enthusiastically greeted by



The mental health mascot is popular with younger visitors.

GMS students, with hugs and the kind of warmth that suggested a strong community within the county's largest middle school.

- Photos by Lois Rosado



Student Keyla Cruz sports the Mexican flag.



From left, Emily Monzon, Magaly Gonzales, a guest and Keyla Cruz enjoy the Hispanic Festival.



Annual Fundraiser On November 19

The annual fundraiser for the Michael D. Maxwell, Jr. Foundation for Mental Awareness, postponed due to the pandemic, is scheduled for Sunday, November 19 at the Greenbelt American Legion. There will be great food, a live band, giveaways, silent auctions, the famous Face Paint Lady and an opportunity to visit with the community. Tickets (\$25 per person) can be purchased by contacting the Foundation at michaelmaxwelljrfoundation@gmail.com.

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Davies' Art on Display in Arts Center Lobby Through November

On Tuesday, October 3, visitors followed musicians playing lively music down the steps from Roosevelt Center to the Greenbelt Arts Center. The Pandemic Sisters & Dave (guitar, ukulele and vocals) entertained visitors at Sally Davies' solo art exhibit Up in the Air in the theater lobby. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed a fun evening of music and art.

Up in the Air includes dancers, birds in flight, mythical pixies and fairies dancing in the air. Davies' paintings are created with translucent papers, which add to the magical feel. All the paintings' titles are derived from Shakespeare quotes, lines from songs or ballet names – which seems fitting for a theater lobby. Viewers can challenge themselves to see how many sources of the titles they recognize. Davies, a Greenbelt resident, teaches classes in watercolor, printmaking and art exploration at the Community

Center.

This exhibit is open to the public when a performance is in session, or by arrangement. For more information, visit greenbeltartscenter.org or contact the gallery manager at linda.thompson@greenbeltartscenter.org.



Sally Davies' This Airy Charm (The Tempest)


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Sally Davies (in teal dress) talks to visitors at her gallery reception, Up in the Air, at Greenbelt Arts Center. Christopher DePhamphilis (in dark shirt) performed The Devil You Don't at GAC the past three weekends.

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Sports

ERHS Girls Soccer Squads Win Final Games, Head to Varsity

by Patrick Gleason

Fifteen minutes remained in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School junior varsity soccer season with the Raiders and the Oakland Mills Scorpions knotted at zero. After a first half where the Raiders possessed the more dangerous scoring opportunities, a season-ending tie appeared imminent. Then, freshman Bayleigh Galie intervened. Nearly 35 yards out from the goal Galie directed a free kick that lofted through the mid-October sky – turning to hues of evening – and slipped past the Scorpion keeper for the game’s lone goal. Galie’s first goal solidified a season-ending celebration for a Raider team that battled scheduling difficulties all season, including four cancellations, en route to a 5-2-1 record. The 1-0 victory proved fitting for a resilient team whose two biggest victories – this final win and their triumph over Bowie earlier this fall – contained late second-half goals.

Afterward, the varsity squad maintained the momentum with a 3-0 victory. Juniors Jada Savage and Gabriella Martinez threatened the Scorpion defense throughout the match, first striking midway through the first half when Savage reached the end line and found sophomore Claudia van der Have in the middle of the box; she redirected the pass straight at the goalkeeper who could not react quickly enough. As the ball found its way through her legs into the net, the Raiders had secured a lead they would never relinquish. Roosevelt heightened the pressure in the second half with Martinez’s consistent ability to switch fields from center forward. After a Scorpion handball in the box, junior Sadie Swart converted her third penalty kick in a week for the second Raider goal. Savage then sealed the victory with

a well-placed shot to the far post after running in behind the Oakland Mills back line.

She celebrated with two fingers pointed to the sky as the Raiders cemented their number one seed for the regional play-offs that start with a Friday October 27 home match at 6 p.m. after the boys host a 4 p.m. game.

With a win the Raiders would advance to the region final scheduled for Halloween; however, the Raiders will not face Bowie in the region final this season if they advance as the state athletic association realigned regions this year, moving the Bulldogs to the East Region. The South region title could likely be a matchup between the Raiders and the C.H. Flowers Jaguars whom Roosevelt bested 4-0 in early October. An 11-1-1 regular season record is a start, but the Raiders desire the region crown that eluded them last season.

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ERHS Volleyball Moves to the Championship Match

by Scott Fifield

It took a couple of extra days, but Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s volleyball team defeated C.H. Flowers High School on Saturday morning 25-22, 25-14, 23-25, 25-16. The match was supposed to be held on October 18, but a water main break at the high school postponed the match for three days, excruciating since the teams had been pointing toward this match for over a month. Both teams entered 9-0 in the Prince George’s 4A league so the Raiders now control their fate to win the league and play in the

county championship match on October 31 at Flowers (against either Oxon Hill or Gwynn Park).

Individually, Roosevelt was led by senior middle hitter Christina Alapa whose offensive output has slowly increased week-by-week. On Saturday her 10 kills came mostly in key situations and helped the Raiders spread out the very large blockers from Flowers. Roosevelt, 10-3 overall, and Flowers, 10-2, are also competing for the number one seed in the regional playoffs that begin on November 6.



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Sophomore Esther Obisesan and the Raiders head into the playoffs as the number one seed in the 4A South Region, posting an 11-1-1 regular season record.



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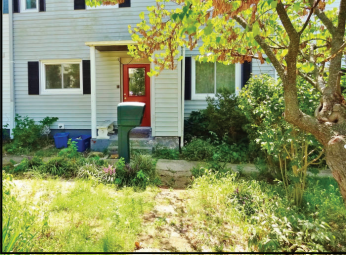
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Carving Pumpkins ahead of a Scary Walk in Greenbelt’s North Woods



Pumpkins beneath the Mother and Child statue

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Pumpkins line the trail of the walk through the North Woods.

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From left, Sarah Sisler, Nathan Miller, Ann Sowers, Maryann Baker, John Henry Jones, Lori Baker and Corita Waters, with Andrew Baker (kneeling), enjoyed the pumpkin carving at the Roosevelt Center on Friday, October 20.



A creature of the Forest Preserve meets a young witch in the woods.

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Pumpkins are carved at Roosevelt Center on Friday evening.

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The Greenbelt flag is carved on a pumpkin in the woods.

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Joe Robbins carts away pumpkins that volunteers cleared from the forest after the Pumpkin Walk.



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